



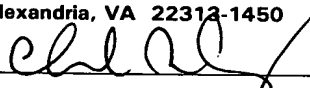
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35 three months, and the fee under 37 CFR §17 is attached hereto.